

Wickwar Parish Council Minutes

A meeting for the above Council was held on Wednesday 4th February 2009, at the Town Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Attended:

Councillor R Stimpson (Chairman)
Councillor D Howard
Councillor T Proffitt
Councillor S Isaac
C Councillor J Burton
Councillor I Aldous

Apologies:

Councillor M Summers

Mr H Gawler South Glos District Councillor (Ladden Brook Ward) attended this meeting arriving at 8pm

Declarations of Interests:

Councillors D Howard, T Proffitt, and M Summers Trustees to the Wickwar Educational and General Charities.

All Parish Councillors are Trustees to the King George V Playing Fields.

Councillor D Howard is the Chairman for the Village Hall Committee.

Councillor D Howard is the Chairman for the Community Centre.

Councillor D Howard is a member of the Castle Bridleways Group.

Councillor T Proffitt is the Chairman of the Quarry Liaison Group.

Councillor Howard is member of the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust.

Councillor Aldous is an allotment holder.

Councillor Burton is a Governor at the Alexander Hosea School.

Councillor Burtons husband is an allotment holder.

Planning Application **PK08/3172/F** – 4 Turnpike Gate, Wickwar, Councillor Burton Declared an Interest as the applicants is known to her.

Public Time

Member of the Wickwar Football Club, Mr R Banister and Mr S Etherington attended this meeting to give their apologies to the Parish Council regarding an incident at the King George V Playing Fields during a football match involving a parishioner.

Wickwar Football Club will be looking into the incident and will be reporting back to the Parish Council. Mr Banister has given a written and verbal apology to the parishioner. The Clerk has been instructed to contact the parishioner. The parish Council awaits a report from the football club.

A parishioner has written to the Parish Council expressing his concerns regarding traffic speeding through the village. Also, problems with crossing the High Street. The matter of speeding will be taken up with the Police and a safe crossing place in the High Street will be raised with Mr Parry (SGC Highways Dept) at the Councils March meeting.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

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Signed.....R Stimpson.....Chairman.....4.3.09.....Date

Minutes of the December 2008 and January 2009 minutes were signed at this meeting, and were taken as a fair representation of those meetings.

2. **Matters Arising**

Extended Footpath – Both sides of the traffic lights. Letter written to Mark Parry SGC to arrange a meeting to take this matter further.

Mr Parry will try and attend the Parish Council's March meeting.

Parish Plan – Update on Funding Meeting 16th January 2009. Meeting included the Football and Cricket Clubs and Jacqui Ward (SGC) to discuss funding for the King George V Playing Fields. The Clubs will keep the Council informed as to their application.

Castle Bridleway Group – Meeting to discuss plans to open up the old packhorse route from Poplar Lane towards Lower Woods for riders and walkers.

Wickwar Playing Fields Association – Questioned the Parish Council putting a caution onto the Title Deeds of the proposed playing fields. To make note that the Deed of Dedication signed by the Parish Council, Wickwar Playing Fields Association and the National Playing Fields Association should be mentioned on the Title Deeds.

3. **Planning Matters**

PK08/3172/F – 4 Turnpike Gate, Wickwar

Erection of two storey front and side extensions to provide additional living accommodation. Installation two rear dormers to facilitate loft conversion.

Revised plans

No comment

PK09/0150/F – 43 High Street, Wickwar

Change of use of ground floor/shop to dwelling

No objection

4. **Report Ward Councillor**

South Glos Council are considering making the Wotton Road in Rangeworthy a 30mph speed limit.

An Avon Crescent parishioner has made a complaint about over grown bushes adjacent to the rear garden entrance of the property, landlords, Merlin Housing Association, have promised to look into this matter.

Laddenbrook, change of policing boundaries.

Wickwar and Rangeworthy/Bagstone will form Ladden Brook SSSG.

Tytherington will join Thornbury North and South to form Thornbury SSSG.

Both Iron Acton Wards will join Frampton Cotterell to form Frampton Cotterell SSSG and will work out of Chipping Sodbury police station.

Funding from the Safer South Gloucestershire group is considering funding for a new Speed Gun for Wickwar Speed Watch.

Proposed Gypsy site at Hall End. SGC awaits a drainage report, and there will be site visit in approx two weeks.

5. **General Business**

Gloucester Archives - Information on the Enclosures Act regarding road and possible bridle paths in the Wickwar Area. The Clerk will endeavour to obtain

copies of this document for the Council, with regard to the proposed public footpath/bridleway adjacent to Sturt Bridge. The Clerk still awaits information from the Glos Records Office. The cost of the information will be £178.16. Proposal for the Parish Council to purchase these documents. Councillor S Isaac proposed that the funding will be taken out of Parish Plan monies held by the Council, seconded by Councillor T Proffitt. No votes recorded against therefore the motion is carried. It should be noted that Councillor D Howard did not vote or comment on this matter.

The Old Chapel – Right of Easement. The clerk awaits further information from Mr Ashton owner of the Old Chapel.

Pincotts Lane road signage – Councillor Gawler will speak to SGC Highways Department regarding the issue of making the exit and entrance to the Road more visible to motorists especially in the evenings. This matter will be raised with Mr M Parry (SGC Highways Dept) at the Councils March meeting.

Hedges – Avon Crescent – Parishioner in Avon Crescent has complained to Merlin Housing about hedges growing over the rear entrance to her bungalow. Councillor Gawler has spoken to Merlin Housing who said they would look into this matter. Councillor Gawler will report back at the Councils March

South Glos Heritage Forum – Annual Subscription £10.00. Proposed by Councillor D Howard, seconded by Councillor T Proffitt, no vote recorded against therefore the motion was carried. The cheque to be raised at the Councils March meeting.

ROSPA – Request for Inspection. The Clerk has contacted ROSPA for the king George V Playground inspection in April 2009.

Wickwar Educational Foundation – Meeting to be arranged.

Planning Enforcement - COE/07/0141 - Rock House, Westend, Wickwar. E-mail has been received from Planning Enforcement Officer Dawn Lambert. *'A certificate of lawfulness for the outbuilding to be used as a 'domestic storage/garage' was granted in December 2005. The certificate has confirmed a use ancillary to the residential use at Rock House and therefore confirmed the building to be in the same residential curtilage and planning unit.*

The building has a new lawful position of 'ancillary residential' use. It is clear that use of an existing residential outbuilding for accommodation in association with a main dwelling house, is not considered to require planning permission. Section 55(2)(d) of the 1990 Act provides that the use of buildings within the curtilage of a dwelling house is not development if used for any purpose incidental to the enjoyment of that dwelling house.'

Fire Awareness Course – Friday 20th February. Bradley Stoke Town Council. The Clerk will attend this course.

Councilors travel expenses - Chairman Mr. M Summers. 50 miles @ 42.9p per mile = £21.45. The cheque for this will be raised at the Councils March meeting.

Wickwar Parish Council – Budget meeting January 21st 2009. Precept. Precept for 2009/2010. Proposed by Councillor D Howard, seconded by Councillor T Proffitt. No votes recorded against therefore the motion was carried. The Clerk will inform SGC.

6. Items for Information

. Register of correspondence received

No comment at this meeting.

7. Reports

- **Quarry Liaison Group meeting** – next meeting to take place 12th February 2009.
- **Frome Vale Area Forum.** Next meeting to be attended by Councillor Stimpson on the 26th February.
- **Speed Watch** – No comment at this meeting.
- **Youth Club** – Councillor Isaac will report to the Youth Club Committee that the PC will grant them £250.00. £150.00 towards Art material and £100,00 towards replacement stereo. (As agreed at the Councils Budget meeting January 09) To be paid in May 2009.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – Burglary in the High Street. Requested annual meeting with the Police for all Neighbourhood Watches.
- **Stronger and Safer South Glos meeting** – Next meeting to take place in Rangeworthy on the 9th April 2009.

8. Committee Reports

- **Parish Walk** – Next Parish Walk to take place on the 15th February 2009.
- **King George V Playing Fields.**
Guttering – On going problem to make the gutter secure, and to try and deter people kicking footballs at it.
Multi –Play equipment – The work to replace the boards on the multi play equipment will be undertaken by GB Sport & Leisure at an agreed price of £315.00
- **Village Hall Committee** – Next meeting will held on Monday 9th March 2009.
- **Town Hall** – Report of Town Hall user tripping over front door sill. The Clerk has written the incident in the Town Hall accidents book, and will purchase reflective tape to cover the sill and make it more visible.
- **Community Centre** – No report at this meeting.

9. Burial Matters

IRO - Percival J Robinson Plot 7A

10. Accounts

Parish Council accounts internal audit by Chairman Mr M Summers up to December 2008.

Mr Jerome Way will be the Parish Councils internal auditor for the Parish Council's account for the 2008/2009 Audit.

Monthly Accounts

Cheques signed at this meeting

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P Trull – Payment of Parish Council NI for January 2009	£67.28
Inland Revenue – Clerks NI February 09	£32.22
Bristol Water - Pavilion	£36.52
Bristol Water – Town Hall	£31.68
Bristol Water – Parkfield Trough	£14.38
Edge Designs – Accounts technical support	£115.00
P Trull – Purchase of external Hard Drive	£70.41
M Trull – Town Hall Cleaning – Dec/Jan 09	£12.00
Glos County Council – Archive Maps	£52.86
Glos County Council – Archive Records	£125.30

Direct Debits/Standing Orders

Clerks Salary February 09	£704.76
N Power – Town Hall	£15.00
Telewest Broad Band	£25.30

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